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**VIA ECF**

Honorable Gregory H. Woods  
United States District Court  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, New York 10007

**Re: United States v. Ethan Melzer,**  
**20 Cr 314 (GHW)**

Dear Judge Woods:

I write, with the consent of the government, to request that Mr. Melzer's conference be held remotely rather than in person. The reason for the request is two-fold. First, for health and childcare reasons, I am not able to appear in court in person at present. Second, given current Bureau of Prison protocols, Mr. Melzer would have to be quarantined again for 21 days if he is brought to court for the conference. The quarantine process is onerous and would impede Mr. Melzer's ability to communicate with others and to review his discovery via computer. Accordingly, I request that the conference be held remotely, rather than in person.

I believe that the Bureau of Prisons requires a week or two advanced notice to schedule a video appearance. As a result, it may be necessary to adjourn the conference in order to hold a remote appearance. If that is necessary, I consent to the exclusion of time until the new conference date and per the Court's individual rules, I have attached a proposed order excluding time. The additional time is necessary in order to allow the defense to continue to review discovery, to allow negotiations between the parties and to allow a conference to be scheduled at a time convenient to the parties and the Court.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Respectfully submitted,  
/s/  
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Defendant.

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## ORDER

SO ORDERED.

GREGORY H. WOODS  
United States District Judge